

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-22 (canceled)

23 (Currently amended) A method of inhibiting apoptosis in a patient with prion disease which comprises administering an effective amount of a compound selected from the 1-[2-(6,7-methylenedioxynaphth-2-yl)ethyl]-4-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine, 1-[2-(4-cyclohexenylphenyl)-ethyl]-4-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine and 1-[2-(4-4-yl)ethyl]-4-(2-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.